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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1652"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
ANDREAS BOMMARIUS, ET AL. : EXAMINER: PATTERSON, C.  
SERIAL NO: 09/973,712 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 11, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1652  
FOR: ACETYL AMINO ACID RACEMASE FROM AMYCOLATOPSIS  
ORIENTALIS FOR RACEMIZING CARBAMOYL AMINO ACIDS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this response.